

Erina News



**BEST WISHES FOR
A WONDERFUL
FESTIVE SEASON
& A SAFE,
RELAXING
and
RE-ENERGIZING
SUMMER BREAK!**

Term four will conclude with a series of events celebrating all of the wonderful achievements of our students across our school community.

Whilst we have farewelled our most senior school citizens we have also welcomed Year 12, 2011 and our newest students: Year 7, 2011.

This year has seen a remarkable evolution of teaching and learning at Erina in terms of further enhancements to our teaching spaces, the continuing integration of technology into our classrooms and the quality of our playground facilities!

We are certainly in the midst of an exciting time in education and the partnerships we build between students, their families and the school and its community are vital to successful learning as the education environment develops around us.

As we pack down for the Summer break I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many families who work with our teaching staff and other school personnel to make Erina High School the vibrant and successful learning community that it is.

Your commitment and support are at the heart of our school.
Marj Kong



Erina High School

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**School
Events:**

**6-10 December
Year 10 Gold
Coast
Excursion**

**8 December
Presentation
night**

**13th December
Year 10
graduation
assembly
Junior reports
issued**

**15th December
Last day for
Years 7,8,9 & 11**

**16th –17th
December
Staff
Development
Days**

**Return to
school, 2011
Monday 31 Jan
Year 7, 11 & 12
and all new
enrolments from
11.00am
Tuesday 1 Feb
All years in
attendance**

YEAR 10 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

Parents and carers are cordially invited to join with us to celebrate Year 10's Graduation to our senior school on Monday, 13 December 2010 at 10.30am in the MPC. Students will be presented with their Graduation Certificates, Semester 2 school reports and School Certificate credentials.

The assembly will be followed by light refreshments in the senior area. As this is a formal occasion all students should be in **full school uniform** to participate in the assembly.

At the conclusion of the assembly, Year 10 students may leave the school with their families. School commences for Year 11 on Monday 31 January, 2011 at 9am.

CRICKET NEWS

In the second round match against Turramurra HS we batted first and scored a modest 126 (Eric Furlonger 45 runs).

In their previous game Turramurra were 0/130 when they won so Erina knew they had to bowl well to be competitive. Harry Brien surprised the opposition by bowling all eleven players for one over each. Surprisingly this tactic worked and everybody bowled well.



The only way to get an extra over was to take a wicket. Dyon Williams and Jamie Brien were successful and Turramurra were 3 for 52 after ten overs. After 15 overs they were 5-75 before their batsmen became very defensive. Our fieldsmen moved in and our bowling was tight. With two overs to play, THS needed three runs with three wickets in hand.

With six balls to go THS needed two runs with one wicket in hand. A single meant the scores were tied. Now there was 1 ball, 1 run, 1 wicket as Jamie Brien (Year 7) bowled another excellent ball just outside the off stump swinging in. The batsman flashed at the ball but only managed to snick it. The match was tied and we needed a bowl off to decide who will play Gosford next week. The bowl off consisted of five bowlers bowling one ball each.

Our first bowler hit the stumps. After four balls it was 1-1 so our last bowler was under great pressure, but Ryan Wilson hit the stumps for a very exciting victory!. Our previous game we won on the last ball of the day and this time we proved ourselves under enormous pressure in the last five overs of this game.

This was a great team effort and the best players were Harry Brien, Ryan Wilson and Dyon Williams. The outstanding player who bowled the last over was Jamie Brien who is only in Year 7!. Congratulations on a fantastic team effort!

M Gray, Co-Ordinator

TIPS FOR FAMILIES: UNDERSTANDING DIGITAL MEDIA

1. FACE BOOK PAGE FOR PARENTS

Visit www.facebook.com/myschoolkids and become a fan to see helpful and practical advice to support your child.

2. CYBER BULYING– WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY...

Following an Australian study of 10,000 kids, the world expert Professor Donna Cross summarises the facts. Find out how common cyber bullying is, which kids are the most vulnerable, who does the bullying and what you can do as an adult at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/technology/cybersafety/yr2009/expertssay.php

PARENT LINE NSW provides a free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about **any** parenting issue.

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BOOK PACKS FOR 2011

Book packs for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are now available for purchase.

The cost is \$25 (incl GST) and can be purchased from the Administration Office between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm.



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS – SCHOOL OFFICE

The office cash register will close at 2.30pm on the last student day of Term 4 (Wednesday, 15 December 2010). Unfortunately no payments can be accepted after this time.

SCHOOL SECURITY

As the holiday season approaches I would like to ask for the support of local families with regard to the security of the school. If you observe any suspicious activity in the grounds of the school please contact the DET School Security Centre on **1300 880 021**

THE SHINE PROGRAM

A group of Year 8 girls has participated in the Shine Program during Term 4 this year. Mentors came into the school once each week to work through a series of tasks and discussion sessions in order to develop self-esteem and resilience.

The girls found the program to be extremely beneficial, celebrating its completion with High Tea at the Platinum Building at Fountain Plaza.

THE JUMPSTART PROGRAM

A group of Year 10 boys have been given the opportunity to participate in the Jumpstart Youth Mentoring Program. This program exists to ignite the dreams of young people.



The program is fashioned to help young people recognise personal strengths, improve resilience and develop strategies to achieve life goals.

The program is a joint initiative of Insight Central Coast; a local youth work organisation, and the Central Coast Bears. It is being facilitated by Phill Pallas, a Youth Worker with extensive experience in helping young people, and David Fairleigh, Head of Football Operations.

We are delighted to be part of the Jumpstart program!

Jo Bayliss
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT ADVISORS OF YEAR 12, 2010

It has been a huge year for our Year 12 student advisors and it's not over yet. After cheerleading through the schedule of the HSC, composing references for every student, they worked with the 'Formal team' to plan that gala event, then Carly Kekwick and Geoff Golding hosted the formal evening which was a beautiful conclusion to a great year for our most senior students.

Carly and Geoff have been outstanding in their support of Year 12. They back up again on Wednesday December 15th to breakfast with Year 12 as they receive their results, celebrate, debrief and look at the opportunities opening up for them!

Students of the class of 2010 have been very fortunate to be nurtured by these wonderful people and as they turn off their assembly microphone for the last time we applaud them.

Congratulations Carly and Geoff! You have been exemplary student advisors!

ERINA ON STAGE: SIMPLY SENSATIONAL!

Congratulations to all involved in the staging of our annual variety night : Erina on Stage. Audiences voted both the matinee and the evening performances "Simply... the best".

The matinee played to a huge student and teacher audience and performers brought the house down. We were all amazed at the wealth of talent which our teachers nurture in our junior students and the fun they all have in performing.

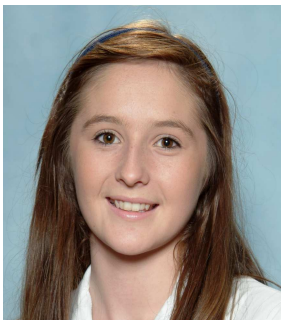
The evening performance was also outstanding and the quality of younger students bodes well for our future CAPA events. The hard work of our music and dance teachers and the unfailing support of our families deserves applause!

Thanks also to our sound and lighting team and the teachers who helped to supervise. It was a fantastic finale to a wonderful CAPA year!

OUR STUDENT LEADERS 2011

Congratulations to our elected student leaders for 2011 and members of the senior student leadership team

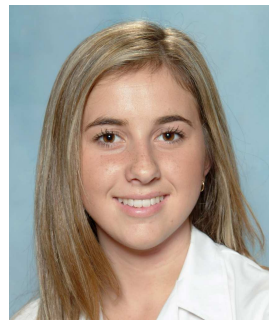
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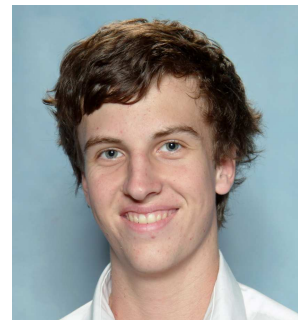
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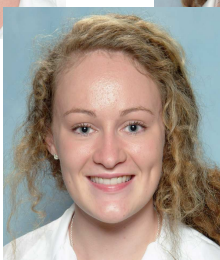
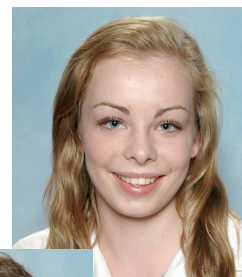
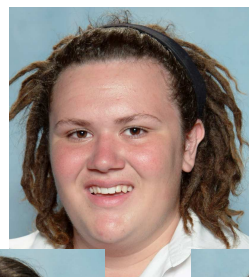
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CLAYTON DAVIES

VICE CAPTAINS

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM: Alan Hall, Bethany Matheson, Wally Penfold, Bianca Slocombe, Elizabeth Twigger, Annie Vanderheul and Hayden Williams (L-R)



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Gosford Netball is running a Little Stars Netball Program on 12 January 2011 at Adcock Park. The free program is aimed at 5-13 year old girls who have never played netball. For more information visit www.gosfordnetball.com.au or phone Leanne on 0424 198 352.



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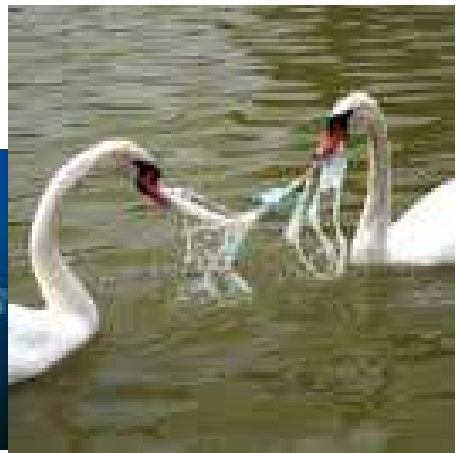
Communities Sport and Recreation will be conducting special needs sports activities during the December/January holidays. The activities have been modified to suit children with various disabilities. For more information or to make a booking phone 131302 or 4362 3184 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

SAVE OUR SEAS - Plastic bags are killing our world, not just in the water, but on land as well. People are unaware of the issue so Save Our Seas are out raising awareness, but we need your help!! Brindabella, one of Australia's most famous race yachts, is making a world record attempt for the fastest monohull sailing vessel to circumnavigate Australia and bring plastic bags to the attention of Australia. With sponsorship dollars, Save Our Seas can continue to create awareness and promote alternatives and teach our next generation of the damage plastic bags do to our environment. Tim Wuth, a former student of Erina High, is looking for people to support him and help bring to the attention of Australia the environmental problem of plastic bags. To become a member and support Tim as a crew member on this world record attempt, log onto SOSOCEANRACING.COM or contact him direct at tim_wuth@hotmail.com

BAN THE BAG



SAVE OUR SEAS



CAROLS AT THE GARDENS

The Newcastle Permanent Carols at the Gardens is staged in the picnic grounds at Hunter Valley Gardens, Broke Road, Pokolbin. Join us for this FREE community event and experience the wonder and spirit of Christmas under the stars. Pre-show 5.00pm, Main Show 7.30pm, Fireworks 9.30pm. For more information please visit www.hvg.com.au



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So you want to play Rugby in 2011? **Terrigal Rugby Club** is currently accepting registrations for ages U7 to 17s. Contact Garry Reynolds on gar@stronachconstructions.com.au or attend Terrigal Rugby Club, The Haven on Saturday, 12 February 2011 from 10am to 1.00pm

The 3rd Annual Summer Holiday **Mingara Junior Chess Tournament** will be held at Mingara Recreation Club on Monday, 17 January from 11am to about 4.30pm. For more information contact Gary Losh on 4390 8176 or email glosh51@dodo.com.au

SAFE FOOTWEAR

In 2011 we need the support of our families to ensure students are provided with school shoes which comply with health and safety standards.

On advice from DET our school learning and outdoor spaces have been risk assessed and it has been determined that we must comply with safe footwear requirements. The direction is: **“It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear fully enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear, thongs or high heeled shoes are not appropriate and must not be worn in workshops, laboratory areas or the playground.”**

As all students at Erina are involved in at least one practical workshop activity daily I am requesting that, when purchasing school shoes for the coming year, families purchase **black (uniform colour) leather fully enclosed footwear which covers the instep of the foot.**



Students will not be able to participate in practical workshop and lab activities if they do not comply. With all students also doing practical PE daily the practical solution might be to purchase black leather lace up sports shoes which are now freely available. This would make carrying a second pair of shoes for PE unnecessary.

Girls who purchase fashion school shoes which leave the top of the foot exposed ie ‘Mary-Jane style’ will need to purchase and wear ‘welder’s spats’ constructed of fire retarded fabric, in all practical lessons. These spats are purpose built for welders and are expensive and cumbersome. They should be used as an interim measure only

Marj Kong
Principal